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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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TECH CENTER 1600/2300PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:


The Office Action of March 21, 2001 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 21, 2001. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$390 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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